

# Kei a tātou te mana

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TE KŌWHIRINGA PŌTI MĀORI

**Kōwhiria te rārangi pōti e hāngai ana ki a koutou ko tō whānau.**

## He aha te Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori?

Ko te Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori tētehi kōwhiringa motuhake o te Māori ki Aotearoa nei. Koia nei te ara e kōwhiri ai koe i te rārangi pōti e hiahia ana: ko te rārangi Māori, ko te rārangi whānui rānei.

### Ka tohu tō kōwhiringa rārangi i ēnei nā:

- te rohe pōti hei reira rā pōti ai koe
- ngā kaitono hei kōwhiringa māu.

Ka pāngia peangē e tō kōwhiringa rārangi te nui o ngā tūru Māori me ngā tūru whānui i te whare Pāremata.

Kāhore tō kōwhiringa e pā atu ki tō pōti ā-rōpū. Kotahi anake te rārangi o ngā rōpū tōrangapū ka wātea ki a koe ahakoa te rārangi e noho nā koe.

## Te pānga o tō kōwhiringa

Ka tohu tō kōwhiringa pōti i te rohe pōti hei reira rā pōti ai koe. Hei tauira, mehemea e noho ana koe ki Rotorua, ā, ka kōwhiri koe i te rārangi Māori, ka pōti koe i te rohe pōti o Waiariki. Ka noho hei MP mō tōu rohe te tangata he nui katoa ngā pōti ka riro i a ia i roto i te rohe pōti Māori o Waiariki.

Ki te kōwhiri koe i te rārangi whānui, ka pōti koe i te rohe pōti o Rotorua. Ka noho hei MP mō tōu rohe te tangata he nui katoa ngā pōti ka riro i a ia i roto i te rohe pōti whānui o Rotorua.



## Me pēwhea te kōwhiri

**Kua rēhita kē koe?** Tirohia tō kātū rārangi pōti, whakahouhia hoki ki [vote.nz](http://vote.nz), waea rānei ki 0800 36 76 56. Me whakaaro hoki koe mēnā rānei kua tukua kētia ki a mātou ko tō wāhitau imēra me tō nama waea kia pai ai tā mātou whakamōhio atu ki a koe.

**Kāore anō kia rēhita?** Rēhitatia ināianei, kōwhiria tō rārangi pōti i tēnei wā tonu hoki.

### Ka āhei koe ki te:

- rēhita ā-ipurangi ki [vote.nz](http://vote.nz) ki tō raihana hautū waka o Aotearoa, ki tō uruwhenua o Aotearoa, ki tō tuakiri whaimana RealMe rānei
- waea utukore mai ki 0800 36 76 56 me te tonu kia tukua atu ki a koe ko tētehi puka rēhita, mā te imēra rānei, mā te pōhi rānei. Kia oti rawa i a koe te puka te whakakī, tohua te puka, tuhia te rā, ā, whakahokia mai ki a mātou.

Hei te wā tuatahi ka rēhita koe, ka whakawhiti rānei koe i tō rārangi pōti, ka tuku atu mātou i tētehi reta, i tētehi imēra rānei ki a koe hei whakaū i ō taipitopito me tō kōwhiringa. He pātai āu? Waea mai, mā mātou koe e āwhina.

## Hei āwhea kōwhiri ai koe

Ki te hiahia koe ki te whakawhiti rārangi pōti i mua i te pōtitanga, me whakawhiti rawa koe i mua i te weherua pō o te **Tāite te 6 o Ākuhata**. Ka tū te Pōtitanga Whānui 2026 ā te Hātarei te 7 o Nōema. Tē taea e koe te whakawhiti rārangi pōti i roto i te 3 marama i mua i te pōtitanga.

Ki te kore koe e kōwhiri i mua i taua rā whakamutunga, ka noho tonu koe ki te rārangi pōti e noho nā koe i tēnei wā tae atu ki te wā ā muri mai i te pōtitanga.

## Te hiranga o tō kōwhiri

Ko te Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori tētehi āhuatanga kōhure o tō tātou manapori. I roto i ngā tau 50 kua pahawa ake, he mano ngā Māori i kōwhiri ai i tētehi rārangi pōti. Nā tērā mahi, nā te pōti hoki i ngā pōtitanga whānui me ngā pōtitanga ā-rohe, kua āwhina rātou ki te tārai i tēnei whenua.

I tēnei tau, kei a koe tonu taua mana. Mā te whakatau i tō kōwhiringa ka mihi koe ki te tokomaha o ngā Māori i tū ai i mua i a koe. He mihi nui hoki tēnei ki ngā Māori ka whai atu i a koe i ngā tau e tū mai nei.

Ehara tēnei i te mahi maroke. He kaupapa kē tēnei e pā ana ki te tangata, ki te rōpū rānei, ka tū hei māngai mōu, mō tō whānau, mō tō hapori.

## Kōwhiria tētehi rārangi i tēnei rā

Mehemea kua rēhita kē koe, ā, kāhore koe e kōwhiri i tētehi rārangi i mua i te **Tāite, te 6 o Ākuhata**, ka noho tonu koe ki te rārangi pōti e noho nā koe tae noa ki te wā ā muri mai i te pōtitanga. Mehemea e pai ana ki a koe ko te rārangi pōti e noho nā koe, kāhore koe e mate ki te mahi, kua pai noa.

**Kaua e takaroa.** Rēhitatia i tēnei rā, tirohia rānei tō rārangi pōti ki [vote.nz](http://vote.nz), waea rānei ki 0800 36 76 56.

**He mana nui tō tōu reo.** Kōwhiria tētehi rārangi pōti i tēnei rā, mōu, mō tō whānau, mō tō hapori te take.

## Āwhinatia tō whānau ki te rēhita ki te pōti

Mehemea kāhore i tae atu ki tō whānau, ki ō hoa rānei ko tētehi reta mō te Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori, māu kē rātou e āwhina ki te rēhita kia āhei tonu ai rātou ki te kōwhiri i tētehi rārangi.

### He pārongo anō:

Ki te hiahia koe ki ētehi atu whakamāramatanga mō te Kōwhiringa Pōti Māori, mō te rēhitatanga rānei ki te pōti:

Toro mai ki [vote.nz](http://vote.nz) | Waea mai ki **0800 36 76 56**

Ka āhei hoki koe ki te tonu i tētehi kaimahi nō te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri ki te haere atu ki te kōrero ki a koutou ko tō hapori, ki te pīrangitia tērā, imēra atu ki [SEPcoordinators@elections.govt.nz](mailto:SEPcoordinators@elections.govt.nz).

# Kei a tātou te mana

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MĀORI ELECTORAL OPTION

Choose the roll that works best for you and your whānau.

## What is the Māori Electoral Option?

The Māori Electoral Option is a unique choice for Māori in Aotearoa. It lets you choose which electoral roll you're on: Māori roll or general roll.

### Your roll choice decides:

- which electorate you vote in
- the candidates you can choose from.

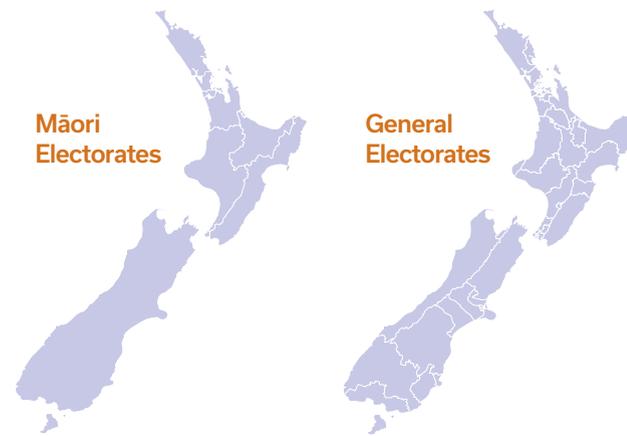
Your roll choice can also influence the number of Māori and general seats in Parliament.

This choice does not affect your party vote. You vote for the same list of political parties whichever roll you're on.

## The impact of your choice

The roll you choose decides which electorate you vote in. For example, if you live in Rotorua and choose the Māori roll, you will vote in the Wairiki electorate. The person who wins the most votes in the Māori electorate of Wairiki will become your local MP.

If you choose the general roll, you will vote in the Rotorua electorate. The person who wins the most votes in the general electorate of Rotorua will become your local MP.



## How to participate

**Already enrolled?** Check your roll type and update it at [vote.nz](http://vote.nz) or call 0800 36 76 56. Make sure we have your email address and your mobile number so we can keep you up to date.

**Not enrolled?** Enrol now and choose your roll at the same time.

### You can:

- enrol online at [vote.nz](http://vote.nz) using your NZ driver licence, NZ passport, or RealMe verified identity
- call us free on 0800 36 76 56 and ask for an enrolment form to be emailed or posted to you. Once completed, sign, date and return the form to us.

When you enrol for the first time or change the roll you're on, we'll send you a letter or email to check your details and roll choice are correct. Questions? Give us a call and we'll help you out.

## When to make a choice

If you would like to change the roll you are on before the election, you need to do it by midnight, **Thursday 6 August 2026**. The 2026 General Election will be held on Saturday 7 November. You cannot change rolls in the 3 months before the election.

If you miss the deadline, you'll stay on your current roll until after the election.

## Why your choice is important

The Māori Electoral Option is a distinct part of our democracy.

Over the past 50 years, thousands of Māori have made the choice between Māori roll and general roll. In doing so, and by voting in local and general elections, they've helped to shape our country.

This year, you too have the same choice. Making your choice is a way you can mihi to the many Māori who have gone before you. It's also a powerful way to acknowledge the Māori who are yet to come.

It's more than admin. This is about representation for you, your whānau, and your community.

## Make a choice today

If you're already enrolled and don't make a choice by **Thursday, 6 August**, you'll stay on your current roll until after the election. If you're happy with the roll you're on you don't need to do anything.

**Don't delay.** Enrol or check your roll today at [vote.nz](http://vote.nz) or call 0800 36 76 56.

**Your voice matters.** Make a choice today for you, your whānau, and your community.

## Help your whānau get enrolled to vote

If any of your whānau or friends didn't get a letter about the Māori Electoral Option, help them get enrolled so they can make a choice too.

### More information:

For more information about the Māori Electoral Option or enrolling to vote:

Visit [vote.nz](http://vote.nz) | Call **0800 36 76 56**

You can also email [SEPcoordinators@elections.govt.nz](mailto:SEPcoordinators@elections.govt.nz) to request someone from the Electoral Commission to come and talk with you and your community.